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Applicant(s): Kazunari Tonami et al.

Invention: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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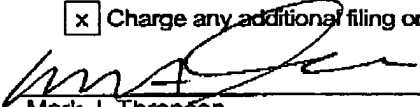
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004, please amend the
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 31 of this paper.

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